

# TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD

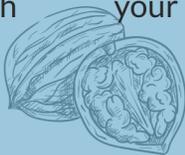


Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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This newsletter is a service to the residents of the Town of Highland Park to keep you informed of new services, events, activities, and other important information. If there is anything you would like to see covered in the newsletter, please let us know. Contact Holly Russell, Management Assistant at [hrrussell@hptx.org](mailto:hrrussell@hptx.org), or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



## Change to Parade Route Announced

The Park Cities Rotary Club is hosting the 4th of July Parade on Tuesday, July 4th. Due to the construction on Lakeside Drive, the 2023 Park Cities 4th of July Parade's route has changed. This year's parade route will begin at the Highland Park Town Hall at 9:00 a.m., head West on Euclid Avenue, North on Highland Drive, West on Beverly Drive, North onto Preston Road, and continue its historical route into University Park. The Parade will end at Goar Park where everyone can enjoy merchant booths, bounce houses, and lots of family fun. Visit <https://parkcitiesrotary.org/sitepage/4th-of-july-parade> for up-to-date information and to access the new route map.

Also note that Town Hall offices and the Library will be closed Tuesday for the holiday. The HP Swimming Pool will open late, at 12:00 p.m., due to the staging for parade participants that morning.

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report is available at [www.hptx.org/WaterQualityReport](http://www.hptx.org/WaterQualityReport). The information in this report is based on tests conducted in 2022. This consumer confidence report was published in June 2023.

The Town of Highland Park Public Works Department is responsible for providing safe and reliable drinking water to all residents. The Town of Highland Park is a Superior rated water system by the TCEQ and meets or exceeds all state and federal requirements for water quality, and safe drinking water.

## HP Department of Public Safety

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### Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class for women ages 16-25

The HPDPS is offering a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course on July 24 and 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for women ages 16-25, and will take place at Armstrong Elementary School located at 3600 Cornell Avenue, Dallas, TX. RAD provides women with practical techniques for self-defense in a relatively short period of time. This course, taught by HPDPS officers that are trained RAD instructors, will help raise awareness for personal safety and teach basic self-defense strategies. Participants must be capable of participating in light physical activity.

This class is limited to 20 participants and is first come, first serve. Any ladies interested in joining the class may contact Lt. Jessa Russell, at 214-559-9487, or [jrussell@hpdps.org](mailto:jrussell@hpdps.org), to obtain the registration forms. To ensure a spot, please complete the registration forms and send a \$20.00 check made out to The Family Place. Participants younger than 18 must have a Parental Consent form signed. Return the forms and check at any time to HPDPS dispatch located at 4700 Drexel Drive, Dallas, TX 75205, or the Moody YMCA. If dropping off at HPDPS, please make it to the attention of Jessa Russell; if dropping off at YMCA, please make it to the attention of Mona Callaghan. You will receive an email letting you know once your registration is complete. If the class is full, your donation and forms will be returned.

## An Eagle Scout Helps Out Ducks

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You may have noticed wooden boxes placed in and along Hackberry Creek. These boxes are actually “Wood Duck Boxes” and are the product of an Eagle Scout Project. During the winter months, Eagle Scout Luke Bodwell met with the Parks Department to inquire about creating and installing these boxes as part of his required service project. Luke believes “parks are the heart of community” and wanted to work on a project to improve our local park system. He led a team of Troop 82 Scouts and friends to build five wood duck boxes and install them around Hackberry Creek. The purpose of these boxes is to create a safe environment for wood ducks, a native duck species to Texas, to lay their eggs and have their ducklings hatch, much like a common bird box. The Parks Department is very thankful to Luke and Troop 82 for this great project and addition to our park system.



## July is National Park and Recreation Month

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation and to recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals – along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers – that maintain our country’s local, state and community parks.



Mayor Beecherl and Parks staff at the June 20 Town Council Meeting, when the Mayor proclaimed July 2023 as Park and Recreation Month in the Town of Highland Park.



The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for our communities – from protecting open spaces and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people. Park and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value park and recreation professionals bring to communities.

It’s time to share why local parks and recreation is **Where Community Grows!** We’re celebrating Park and Recreation Month this July by celebrating the vital role park and recreation professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services and fostering the growth of our communities.

## Teens IMPACT-HP



The Town of Highland Park is now accepting applicants for the IMPACT program. To qualify, you must reside in the Town of Highland Park and be entering the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade for the 2023-24 school year. Participants will receive in-depth exposure to local government through discussion groups and on-site visits and will be provided with community service hour credits for volunteer opportunities. For more information and the application, please visit <https://www.hptx.org/828/IMPACT-Committee>.

## Splash Into Story Time at the HP Pool

This event is held on Wednesdays, July 19 and August 23, at 10:00 a.m., at the Highland Park Swimming Pool's splash pool.

Book it to the pool this summer! Join us for a special read aloud at the Highland Park Swimming Pool. Children can listen to stories, sing songs, and play games while splashing around! Eventbrite registrations are only required for children.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baby-splash-story-time-tickets-634887895787>. These events are hosted in collaboration with the HP Parks & Recreation Department. Suitable for parents, caregivers, and ages 3 or younger.

Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are a resident of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/hplapply> or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

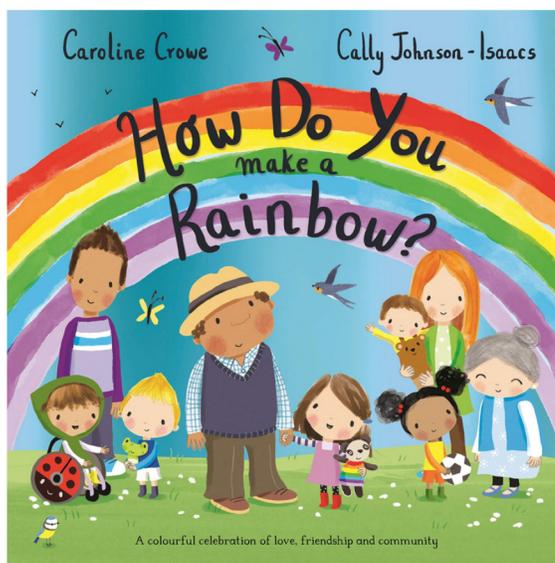


StoryWalk®



Celebrate Summer with a new StoryWalk® - The Town's Parks Department and the Library are happy to bring another StoryWalk® opportunity to Prather Park. Read a story, page by page, while walking through the park. Enjoy the book How Do You Make a Rainbow? by Caroline Crowe. The title celebrates kindness, hope, family, and helping others through the story of a young girl and her grandfather on a cloudy day.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

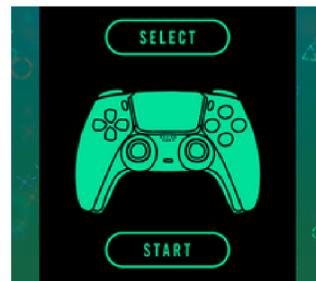


## HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

**Tech Time** - On Saturday, July 8 at 2 p.m. at Town Hall, dream, design, and deliver with the Perot Museum's Tech Truck! The Tech Truck's themed come-and-go stations ensure that everyone will get the chance to embrace their creativity and experience the joy of making something new. The Tech Truck focuses on maker-based science, technology, engineering, art, and math experiences that inspire confidence and imagination. Suitable for all ages. Attendees of this event can earn 25 points towards the Summer Reading Program reading goal. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tech-time-tickets-629569939637?aff=register>.



**Game Night for Teens & Tweens** - On Saturday, July 15 at 6 p.m., team up together or face off against your friends during Game Night at the Library! Hosted in the Games2U mobile game theater, participants can play some of the best multiplayer games out there, while surround sound audio, laser light effects, and fog machines add to this immersive experience. Players can also challenge each other to a game of ring toss or other yard games. All games are rated Everyone 10+. To participate, attendees' parents or legal guardians will need to sign and return the waivers distributed upon registration. Attendees of this event can earn 25 points towards the Summer Reading Program reading goal. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/game-night-at-the-library-ages-10-tickets-629588615497?aff=register>.



**The Brain and Neurological Health** - On Saturday, July 22 at 11 a.m. at Town Hall, join Dr. Ihab Hajjar with the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute, UT Southwestern Medical Center, for a presentation about findings on Alzheimer's and neurodegenerative diseases - the impact of hearing loss and cognitive decline, and the impact of anesthesia on cognitive decline. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-brain-and-neurological-health-tickets-593293987287?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



**Tall Tails** - Wednesday, June 28, 4:30 p.m. - Children of all reading levels are encouraged to get to know one of Canine Companion's future service dogs. Each child will get 15 minutes of reading time with their pawsome audience to practice their literacy skills. Tall Tails is offered on the last Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



**LED Light Show** - On Saturday, July 29 at 2 p.m. at Town Hall, add some spark to your summer with this brilliant and colorful show! The LED Light Show, brought to you by world record holder David Slick, is a spectacular performance with music, stunts, and magic. Watch as dazzling designs appear out of the dark and as special glasses diffract light and colors in ways you have never seen before. Suitable for all ages. Attendees of this event can earn 25 points towards the Summer Reading Program reading goal. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/led-light-show-tickets-629585355747?aff=register>.



## Espresso Yourself

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Do you have a favorite personal or family recipe? Is there a dish you discovered on your travels that you now make at home? As part of the All Together Now summer reading programs, the Highland Park Library is creating a community cookbook, and we need your help.

This cookbook project will assemble recipes, representing a wide variety of cultural backgrounds and culinary contributions, from community members and Town staff. To learn how to submit recipes and even find recipe writing tips, please visit <https://www.hptx.org/968/Community-Cookbook>.

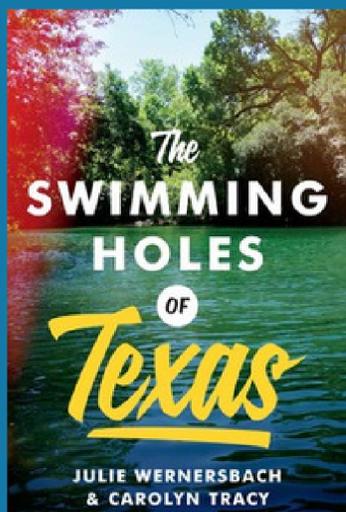
The Library now offers three new resources from NewsBank, an information provider that consolidates current and archived information from thousands of newspaper titles.

- **America's News** - Explore and stay informed on local and national topics, people, and events in areas such as business, health, education, jobs and careers, political and social issues, and more.
- **Park Cities People Archives** - Search full-text articles from current and archived issues of Park Cities People from 2006 - today.
- **HeritageHub** - Explore genealogical records from 1704 – today, including hard-to-find obituary content from the mid 1900's, coverage from all 50 states, and original obituary images from historical newspapers.

Visits the Library's database webpage, <https://www.hptx.org/144/Databases>, to browse the numerous resources available for cardholders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## What to Read Next

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Let [The Swimming Holes of Texas](#) by Julie Wernersbach be your go-to travel guide this summer. Pack a picnic (or two) and hit the road to visit a freshwater swimming hole. Whether looking for a simple day trip or a more in-depth journey, one of the hundred natural swimming locations, across the entire state, featured in this title is sure to be a cool spot for you.

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# JULY CALENDAR



**Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

**Every Thursday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Movement. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

**Every Thursday at 10:00 AM:** Baby Bounce, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

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**Every Friday at 10:00 AM:** Toddler Story Time, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

**Every Friday at 10:45 AM:** Preschool Story Time, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

- *Tickets will be required for entry to Story time on Fridays. Tickets are free and will be handed out each Friday at the Library Circulation Desk.*

**July 1, Saturday** **Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum** - 5900 Bishop Blvd, Dallas  
**10:30 a.m.** This program is free with regular museum admission and designed for children ages four to nine, but all are welcome. See the Meadows Museum website, <https://meadowsmuseumdallas.org> for information about each unique session, which will include browsing artwork with museum staff, a craft activity, and a story time.

**July 4, Tuesday** **Town Hall Offices and HP Library are closed for holiday** - No meditation class.  
**Park Cities Rotary Independence Day Parade** - The HP Swimming Pool will open at noon to accommodate the parade.

**July 8, Saturday** **Tech Time! with the Perot Tech Truck** - Library  
**2:00 p.m.** Suitable for all ages. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tech-time-tickets-629569939637?aff=register>.

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**6:00 p.m.** Hosted in the Games2U mobile game theater, all games are rated Everyone 10+. To participate, attendees' parents or legal guardians will need to sign and return the waivers distributed upon registration. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/game-night-at-the-library-ages-10-tickets-629588615497?aff=register>.

**July 18, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**  
**8:00 a.m.** Meeting & Study Session will be on the second floor of Town Hall. Agendas are made available online by the Friday afternoon before the meeting at <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>.

**July 19, Wednesday** **Baby Splash Story Time**- HP Swimming Pool, 3801 Lexington Avenue  
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**July 26, Wednesday** **Tall Tails** - Library  
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